

Elder Farm Heritage Trust Meeting – Elder Farm 19 June 2013 7pm

Present : Ian Sharp, Bob Hamilton, John MacAndrew, Chris Wright, Daniel McMillan, Chris Zenthon James, Moira Bori

Absent Barry Steel (ABS Masonry Ltd), Mark McShane (ABS Masonry Ltd)

Introductions made all round

John MacAndrew – Ex Services, retired Engineer, with 12 years working experience on the Glenlee

Chris Wright – Experienced & Certificated Landsman, with Apprentice Development Training and experience who has been helping out Elder Farm Community Garden Group and is keen to assist in this worthy community project

Bob Hamilton – Chiefly interested in the Common Good Aspects of the project, would like to make this project a template for future Re-use and Upgrade of Common Good Asset to Benefit the Local Community as Originally Intended. Bob's chief concern and that of many is that Common Good Assets sometimes generate Common Good Funds and currently the Common Good Fund is not being used for the benefit of local youth, but to entertain visiting celebrities,

“Explanation of what the Common Good Fund is and what it does

The Common Good Fund primarily meets the cost of civic ceremonies and hospitality to distinguished visitors to the City.

The principal heritable assets of the Common Good Fund are its various properties throughout the City.”

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2979>

which purpose does not seem to be in keeping with the principles and aims of those generous citizens who originally gifted those properties for the benefit of the people (a proposal was made to present copy of Glasgow Cite Council Common Good Website to local media for discussion)

Ian Sharp – Founder Member of LEGUP, Landscaper, Interested Party, who initially was involved with setting up the community garden space but found himself at meetings concerning the upgrade of the building with Linthouse Housing Association and Partners, and became involved in that manner. He has helped initiate a former attempt to get the building restored ethically as an educational and recreational space to teach skills for the workplace, in best accordance with the conditions of Lady Elder's Deed of Gift.

Chris Zenthon James – Member of Elder Farm Community Garden, experience in Youth Work / Event Management and a Writer

Moira Bori – Longstanding voluntary member of Elder Farm Community Garden with some experience of Project Management and Accounting, use of relevant software, Web Design and Event Management, who is concerned that the tradition established in Linthouse over a period of 20 years to climb the roof and sit on the chimney may end in disaster if the building is not fixed

Daniel McMillan - Community member working with Elder Farm Community Garden, with numerous skills and experience in buildings who expressed frustration of not being allowed to use his experience and skills to move this project forward by addressing certain issues with guttering etc, to protect the building and prevent further decay, and to bring down and remove the collapsing floor

It was proposed that any certificate waiving liability of landlord for accidental costs would not be valid and would endanger the project and even the building

Scaffolding would be required to ensure the building did not collapse if inner flooring etc were to be removed, not matter how organised the demolition

It was recognised that a suitable Health and Safety Plan should be in place before any works should commence on the building, and further discussions with professionals such as Architects would be welcome

Under Age Minors

A discussion took place regarding supervision of under age minors in the garden.

Funding for Disclosures for adults prepared to take time to engage with minors is not currently available

Generally workers enjoy to be able to provide a safe and happy environment for young people and are glad when they visit. Generally minors are a positive benefit to the garden, helping weed, dig, barrow things around, paint and build. However some variations of groups can lead to unruly behaviour and damage to equipment and resources.

It was proposed to make it a condition that minors without adequate adult supervision should not be allowed to stay

Thereby, if members find themselves unable to find time to act as supervisors minors should be asked to come back with an adult. It should be noted that working members are not responsible for minors in the Garden but conditions of the Deed of Gift and the Spirit of the Project will lead members to try to find time to engage with minors to prevent animosity and promote good will in the community

This does not mean that bad behaviour from any age group will be tolerated and police have confirmed that members should not hesitate to call for support from the Community Police 07505104608 or Helen St 01415325400 for assistance

The meeting concluded with an agreement to talk to Architects, and Professional Roofing Companies willing to engage with the project